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For: OPTICAL GLASS, PRECISION PRESS MOLDING PREFORM AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, OPTICAL ELEMENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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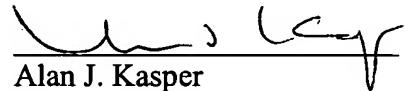
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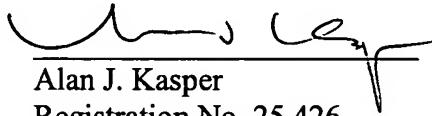
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